

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Orthopedic Panel convened 28 Jan 2003 at Fort Detrick, MD with all services represented. The panel members reviewed seventy-five treatment briefs, relevant MMS's in levels 1-4, surgical trays, and consumable supply groups. A primary objective from the panel was to validate using an additional external fixation bar at level 2 for fractures not stable enough for transport to level 3 with a single bar. It was decided that this may be done by opening an additional External Fixation level 2 pack. The cost of using a 2-bar pack exceeds the cost of using 2- 1 bar packs due to the additional items included in the 2-bar pack. The panel applauded the use of the Howmedica External Fixation kit by all services and the work done for NATO standardization. A secondary objective from the panel included updates on current literature for wound irrigation, which will decrease fluids needed for wound irrigation in the field.